



THE VERANDA WHICH OPENS off the main room of the new Main Post library draws a lot of GIs in the cool of the late afternoon these hot days. A half dozen soldiers are shown here as they relax on the veranda of the spacious new library. (U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

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Foreign Officers Visit School

High-ranking officers from the Australian and Peruvian armies were guests during the last week of The Infantry and Parachute Schools.

The Australian was Lt. Gen. John D. Lavarack, a member of the Australian Military Commission. With him were Lt. Col. J. G. Wilton and Maj. P. M. Reid.

The Peruvian was Lt. Gen. Eloy G. Ureta, Commander in Chief of the Peruvian Armed Forces. With him were Lt. Col. Jorge E. Sarmiento, Military Attaché of Peru to the United States; Lt. Col. Luis Valentin, General Ureta's personal physician; Lt. Col. Julio Soana, the General's aide and Lt. Col. Harold Pearson, USA, American aide-de-camp to General Ureta.

The Australian officers arrived by train in Columbus and were welcomed by Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, Commandant of The Infantry School and Brig. Gen. George H. Weems, Assistant Commandant. The visitors spent two days following a tightly packed schedule of problems and demonstrations.

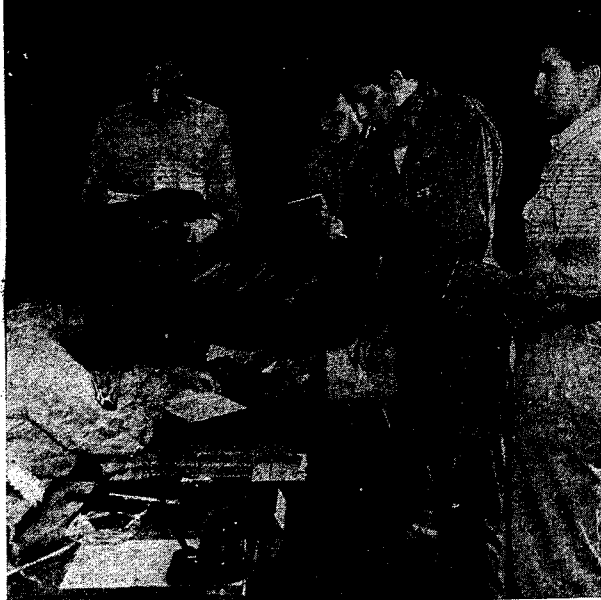
The Peruvians arrived by plane at Lawson Field and were met by Generals Walker and Weems, Brig. Gen. Henry P. Perrine, Commanding General of the School Troops Brigade and Col. Harold E. Potter, Executive Officer of The Infantry School. They came to the 3d Battalion of the 4th Infantry formed a guard of honor and a unit of tanks from the 78th Tank Battalion fired a 17-gun salute.

Ration Board Now Located In Stadium

Offices of the Fort Benning branch of the Muscogee county ration board have been moved to the southwest tower of Dugway Stadium, where they are open seven days a week, from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Previously maintained in the Provost Marshal's office, the move has resulted in more room and a better office arrangement to handle military personnel who must apply to the board for gasoline, tire, shoe and food ration needs.

Staff Sergeant Louis Lipp is the secretary of the Fort Benning branch.



FORT BENNING'S new Main Post library is very popular with the GIs as this scene at the checking-out desk will illustrate. Cpl. Grace Crawford, of WAC Det., Section 1, Station Complement, checks out a couple of books for the paratrooper in coveralls while the other soldiers wait their turns. (U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo by Pvt. Mike Shea.)

Benning Soldiers Keep Post Librarians Busy

Fort Benning GIs are keeping up to date on the latest books—including best selling works of fiction, non-fiction—by liberally patronizing the six Army libraries scattered at strategic points about this huge military reservation.

Soldiers at the post also keep abreast of current events and current thought by reading liberally the many newspapers and magazines available at each library, a survey of the Special Service Commanders and staff officers course said. The six libraries have a total of approximately 8,000 active book borrowers, he added. That, however, represents only part of

library—and they are heavily read by the GIs here.

In addition to the great attention they pay to newspapers and magazines, soldiers at the post libraries without checking them out, post librarians agreed. Despite that, however, an average of 1,000 books were taken out weekly during the first six months of this year, Lt. Col. Alexander H. Vazquez, Post Special Service Officer, said. The six libraries have a total of approximately 8,000 active book borrowers, he added. That, however, represents only part of

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541st Pcht. Infantry Regiment Joins TPS

Archer Awarded Legion of Merit For TIS Work

Col. Wayne Archer, former Assistant Director of Training in charge of indoctrination and coordination and later Coordinator of Training at The Infantry School, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his outstanding work at the school, according to a recent announcement made by the War Department.

While attached to The Infantry School from May 1, 1941, to November 1943, Colonel Archer combined the many diverse factors bearing upon training and coordinated a program to educate combat leaders for infantry units. The citation which followed the award to Colonel Archer stated: "While in the performance of his duties he displayed an unusual measure of competence and efficiency. His effectiveness and extraordinary fidelity stamp his performance of duty as a signal contribution toward the accelerated training of infantry units for combat service."

Colonel Archer left The Infantry School to assume the role of military observer for the Army Ground Forces in the North African Theater, and was later assigned to Headquarters, First Army, where he developed a combat correspondent plan which is now operating in infantry units in a number of theaters of operations. Colonel Archer recently left Army Ground Forces for an unannounced assignment overseas and was succeeded by Col. Wendell L. Clemenson, former Chief of the Service Corps, and Visual Aids Section at The Infantry School.

Colonel Archer came to the school after completion of a course of instruction at the War College, and was promoted to the rank of Major, he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in December, 1940, and elevated to the rank of Colonel July 13, 1942.

He is a native of Kenansville, N. C., and entered the service in 1907.

TIS Grad Serves With Jap Battalion Cited By Clark

Capt. Young O. Kim, commissioned a second lieutenant at The Infantry School, January 23, 1943, is attached to the Japanese-American 100th Infantry Battalion, which recently received a citation from Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, U. S. Army, Commanding General of the 7th Army.

The battalion has participated in fighting on virtually every front established in the drive through Italy, reports from Fifth Army Headquarters indicate. Captain Kim, who completed the Infantry School's "Mechanics" Course at the school, August 1941, has received three decorations. He was awarded the Purple Heart for his gallantry during the breakthrough to the Alban Hills, and also holds the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. He was born in Los Angeles, Calif.



COL. ENSRUD

Benning Chapel Set-up Pleases D. C. Inspector

Colonel Joseph O. Ensrud, administrative inspector from the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Washington, completed on Wednesday a four-day visit at Fort Benning, during which he participated in and attended several services on the post, talked with members of the Corps of Chaplains stationed at Benning, and held informal talks with high-ranking post officers.

Why visit here had been an inspiration, Chaplain Ensrud declared. "From what I have seen at Fort Benning, officers, enlisted men, and civilians alike are taking a very keen interest in the religious aspects of life despite the war, and it is a very good sign for the future of this nation. When our soldiers go back to civilian life, they will be able to tell their people back home that their government has considerable interest in the spiritual welfare of our soldiers."

Chaplain Ensrud expressed himself as highly pleased with the entire chapel and chaplain personnel set-up at Fort Benning. He said that he was impressed by the manner in which services are conducted, and with the excellent music rendered at services by the various chapel choirs and by the Reception Center Chorists.

He visited officials at post headquarters and at the Infantry School Tuesday and inspected the chapel choir and the ASF Regional Hospital, and the 71st Division area.

He is at present on a tour of chaplain installations in the Fourth and Eighth Service Commands. Benning being his first stop, where he was the guest of Chaplain of the Chaplains Paul K. Briggs and his staff.

Colonel Ensrud is no stranger to Fort Benning, having visited here when he was stationed at Fort McPherson in Atlanta. He was also here with the 5th Division when it was here for a short while in 1939-40.

The accelerated training program of The Parachute School, brought about by the overwhelming success of airborne troops in the Normandy invasion, has resulted in the transfer of the 541st Parachute Infantry Regiment from Camp Mackall, N. C., to Fort Benning, according to an announcement from the Parachute School.

With its organization increased to include 15 companies and a receiving battalion, the 541st will function as school troops for The Parachute School.

Originally activated on August 12, 1943, at Camp Mackall, under the command of Colonel Ducat E. McEntee, the regiment has been the training ground for many hundreds of paratroopers, a great number of which saw service in the Normandy invasion.

In addition to training troops during the past year, the 541st has performed yeoman service in advancing the cause of parachute troops with a series of exhibitions throughout the nation, including a mass exhibition before many thousands in Long Island, N. Y., in June of this year. The regiment has also lent impetus to many War Bond drives with its exhibition of combat parachute jumping.

Col. McEntee, commanding officer of the 541st, graduated from West Point in 1935, after completing an enviable record as an athlete at the Military Academy. After twenty months at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., Col. McEntee was transferred to Hawaii for a two-year tour of duty.

Following a course at The Infantry School at Fort Benning, Col. McEntee volunteered for the parachute troops, and qualified with the fifth class to be graduated at The Parachute School.

The Commander of the 541st Parachute Infantry Regiment comes of a distinguished military family. His father is Colonel G. H. McEntee of West Point (retired), and a brother, a lieutenant commander in the Navy saw service on the cruiser Atlanta, in the battle of the Coral Seas.

TPS 'A' Stage Back In Georgia

Following a period of nine months in the Alabama Area, "A" Stage training division of The Parachute School returned to Georgia last week, occupying quarters in the "Frying Pan" area. The move, involving the task of transferring records and equipment, was necessitated by the tremendous growth of classes at The Parachute School following the success of the Airborne Forces in the invasion of Europe.

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COL. DUCAT MCENTEE

... "Chattah" Skipper

Prof Duo Off To Enroll Wacs

Two enlisted men of the Academic Regiment, The Infantry School, have been given the unusual but pleasant assignment of going on special recruiting duty for the Women's Army Corps. Sgt. Fred T. Butler has left Fort Benning for Atlanta, Ga., and Cpl. Herman N. Bundestad has been sent to Governors Island, N. Y. Bundestad was accompanied by Cpl. Dorothy Burri, of WAC Detachment Two, TIS, also detailed to WAC recruiting. Both enlisted men have had wide public speaking experience, while Cpl. Burri has been especially trained by the Army for her new assignment.

MADE MOVIE

Just before he entered the service, Cpl. Bundestad headed a speakers' instruction bureau for the Chamber of Commerce, training bond salesmen for the "I Am An American Commitee."

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25 Former Infantry School Officers Win Silver Star For Gallantry

Twenty-five former officers of The Infantry School have been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action recently, according to an announcement by the War Department.

They were Lt. Col. Henry H. Cannon who, while executive officer of his regiment during a battle in the Mediterranean Theater, left the command post under heavy artillery and mortar fire to contact an adjoining infantry regiment. Later he successfully returned to his unit, bringing back valuable information about the enemy. Colonel Carden was a student in commandant's course and came here to the school from the 143d Infantry, Camp Bowie, Tex. Capt. Paul J. Kimberling helped rescue members of a reconnaissance patrol who became lost in enemy-held territory on Bougainville in January 1944. When the rescue patrol was halted by enemy action, he led his men 25 yards through jungle clearing under intense fire and successfully evacuated a wounded man. While at the School, he was a student in the 1st Student Training Regiment.

an officer who had been mortally wounded while both were risking their lives in a desperate attempt to save a patrol trapped by the Japanese at Bougainville. He came to the School from the 63d Infantry, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and at the completion of the division officers course was assigned to Camp Pickett, Va.

1st Lt. William Kuritzky, who led his company's advance in the face of strong artillery and small arms fire in Italy on December 15, 1943, received painful head wounds. Despite his injuries he continued to lead his company until the objective was achieved, and while moving along the company front lines he received a wound in his hand and again refused to be evacuated. He continued to direct his company's activities until relieved by another officer and directed by the battalion commander to retire. He was commissioned in February 1943, and later assigned to Camp Croft, S. C.

Major Del Corso was at The Infantry School from July 1941 to October 1941, during which time he attended the School's officers course and staff officers course. He was assigned to Camp Pickett, Va. Lt. Jack B. Lehman, who received his commission at the School March 6, 1943, after entering the Infantry Officer Candidate School from Fort McClellan, Ala., won his award in Italy. He left the cover of his foxhole during a terrific artillery bombardment to adjust counter-battery fire upon the enemy. Ignoring shells which burst to close that dirt was scattered on his clothes, he calmly directed friendly artillery so effectively that the enemy fire was silenced.

2d Lt. John D. Lamb, a native of New Haven, Conn., who was commissioned here October 13, 1942, received his award in Italy where, while his company was in a defensive position during an enemy armored attack, his platoon was cut off from the remainder of the company. He led a patrol toward friendly lines but was seriously wounded en route. He traveled a distance of one kilometer to the command post of another company where he made a detailed report, and the enabled

the battalion commander to readjust his battalion, which was in danger of being surrounded.

2d Lt. John J. Kline, commissioned February 17, 1943, and assigned to the 3d STB while participating in the School's officers course, was posthumously decorated for action in Italy on December 8, 1943. Preceding an attack against heavily defended enemy positions, he volunteered to establish a forward ammunition dump to support the attacking units. Advancing with his platoon across the bottom of the Italian peninsula, he was killed by enemy machine gun fire while leading his men across the bottom of the Italian peninsula. He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

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at dawn. The craft became disabled about 500 yards from shore and in plain view of enemy shore batteries which were firing on the craft. Lt. Furs was so severely wounded he led his men in a suicidal attack across the barbed wire and machine gun fire, and headed back out of the boat. All other personnel in his craft took shelter in the bottom of the boat but he stood up and waved his arms to attract the attention of a British craft. He aided in loading all the supplies in his boat onto the British craft and directed their landing on an alternate beach. He later led his party two miles to rejoin the regiment.

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which barely missed him, to the most forward position and effectively reorganized the company.

The attack was immediately pressed to a successful conclusion. Capt. Henry E. Lehman, who came to the School from the 36th Division, took the heavy weapons and rifle course in 1941, was awarded the star for his work while executive officer of a battalion in an attack across a river in Italy. The attack was launched under terrific artillery, mortar and machinegun fire, and over approaches further protected by mine fields, booby traps, and barbed wire. He personally brought a battalion headquarters company and heavy weapons company through this fire, moving up and down the column, reassuring the troops and keeping them well organized. Despite the ever more intense fire on the river bank, he exposed himself constantly to supervise the crossing. Later in the day he was painfully wounded but before he would submit to a dressing station he assisted in the removal of many of his wounded comrades.

2d Lt. Francis J. Ferras, commissioned at the School in November 1943, was posthumously decorated for outstanding work in Italy when his infantry platoon was stopped by wire entanglements and heavy fire during an attack November 29, 1943. With utter disregard for his own safety, he crawled forward under heavy machine gun and grenade fire, and cut a path through the entanglements. He led his platoon forward through the path he had made and engaged the enemy. He was reported killed in action, December 3, 1943.

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Lt. Col. Lions' C. McGarr took a course in methods of conducting division schools at the Infantry School during October 1941. At the completion of his course, he rejoined the 30th Infantry in California. "Colonel McGarr," the citation read, "on January 25, 1944, in Italy, left the cover of his command post in an effort to press the attack of one of his assault companies which had been delayed by a heavy concentration of enemy artillery fire. Although many shells exploded within 25 yards of him, scattering dirt on his clothes, he nevertheless continued forward to the front-line position and covered the assault company. The presence of the See 25 FORMER, Page 2

Bronze Star Medal Awarded To Ex-TIS Men

The War Department recently announced the award of the Bronze Star Medal to five former members of The Infantry School.

They were: Maj. William J. Chalkley, who was at the School in 1941 and given the award "for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States from November 1, 1942, to November 1, 1943, including the Moroccan and Sicilian campaigns.

Capt. Robert T. Watts, who was graduated from the School August 5, 1942, according to the citation, when an Infantryman fell wounded ten yards in front of a Japanese pillbox at Bougainville, Solomon Islands, January 30, 1944, he ran to his aid and helped to carry him over open beach to the shelter of a tank while exposed to intense enemy fire.

Capt. William H. Scholl, commissioned here October 12, 1942, received the award for the performance of meritorious service as assistant corps intelligence officer from March 8 to April, 1944, at Bougainville, Solomon Islands. "His unusual devotion to duty, unflinching energy and good judgment have made him of superior value to his command," the citation reads.

Maj. Marion P. Bowden, who took a basic course here in 1941, was awarded the medal for "gallantry in action against the enemy on September 13, 1943."

The medal was awarded posthumously to 2d Lt. Henry G. Flanders, commissioned at the School November 24, 1942. He came here from Camp Carson, Colo. The citation read: "During a night attack in Italy, the commander of his Infantry company was seriously wounded and evacuated. In spite of very heavy mortar and artillery fire Lieutenant Flanders, after reorganizing the company, led it into the attack, in which he was killed."

TOTAL OF U. S. NAVY MAY HIT \$3,589,000

WASHINGTON, D. C. (APNS) When the U. S. Navy has obtained the \$3,589,000 increase in manpower that it seeks by June 30, 1940, it will have a total strength of 2,389,000—quite a navy. A first increment of 194,000 men is sought by December 31, and probably an additional 189,000 by June 30, provide all the forces needed to blast Japan off the map.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

Second Lieut. Richard M. Mantion, commissioned at The Infantry School, November 12, 1943, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for gallantry in action against the enemy September 9, 1943, according to a War Department release. Lieutenant Mantion, reported a prisoner of war since January 22, 1944, came to the school July 31, 1942, from Headquarters Security Unit, Fort Bastis, Va.

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The windows of the MILLER-TAYLOR SHOE COMPANY are catching the eye of all passers-by this week with their intriguing display of new fall footwear. Unusual, real, reptile shoes are especially noted for their versatility in line in "ties" and pump styles. These are excellent for wear with casual and tailored clothes. Rich shades of brown are offered in these smart shoes. Two shades of brown are also displayed in calf, open toe and heel types with low, medium or high heels. Black calf shoes are also prominently displayed. Ducky suede styles, particularly sandals and pumps are well-designed and as equally well made as any of the fine-quality footwear proudly suggested by this outstanding Columbus shoe shop. May I suggest you select your fall fashions from this shop while the stock is yet brim full of a variety of styles and sizes.

One of the coolest type dresses is made of bemberg sheer. This



BRITISH OFFICERS HAVE FLING AS 'CHUTISTS—Major Gen. F. H. N. Davidson (right) and Brigadier Smyth of the British army staff in Washington, guests of Brig. Gen. Ridgely Gaither, commandant of The Parachute School, this week, are shown following a ride in the "Buddy" seat up and down the 250-foot towers of "C" stage at The Parachute School. (U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.)

Scribes See Wacs At Work

Three members of the Women's Army Corps Civilian Advisory Committee for the Fourth Service Command, a party of newspaperwomen, and members of the Service Command staff visited Fort Benning last week to observe WACs at work in the field.

The group visited members of The Parachute School WAC Detachment attending riggers' school and at work packing and repairing parachutes; talked with members of The Infantry School Detachments on duty in offices of The Infantry School; and saw WACs of the Station Complement Detachments, Section 1 and 2, working as laboratory and surgical technicians at the Regional Hospital.

The visitors ate in WAC mess halls, inspected barracks and day rooms, watched paratroopers jumping, and toured places of interest on the post.

Members of the civilian committee were Mrs. Floyd W. McRae, Mrs. Murdock Eguen, and Miss Lamar Jeter.

Newspaperwomen in the party were Mrs. Louise MacKay Carlton, society editor of the Atlanta Journal; Miss Yolande Gwin, Atlanta Constitution society editor; Miss Marie Smith, Constitution



THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of the armed forces of Peru, Lt. Gen. Eloy G. Ureta (left) is shown with Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, commandant of The Infantry School, after they had inspected a guard of honor from the 3d Battalion, 4th Infantry, drawn up at Lawson field for the general's arrival. The General and party spent the week-end at The Infantry School. (Official U. S. Army Photo—168th Signal Photo Company.)

news reporter; and Mrs. Brenda Ross, Columbus Ledger reporter. Capt. Pauline V. Lynch, WAC Service Command Director; Capt. Rufus E. Fort, Jr., chief of the WAC Recruiting Branch; and Lt. Lane Carlson, assistant public relations officer, accompanied the visitors to Fort Benning.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR—1st Lieutenant John G. Taylor, commanding officer of the 13th Company of the 1st STR, has been promoted to the rank of captain.

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14 Profs Get Combat Badge

For "exemplary conduct in action against the enemy," 14 members of the Academic Regiment, who have come to The Infantry School from all theaters of war, were awarded Combat Infantryman Badges last Thursday morning.

A special formation of first sergeants and the overseas men was called to attention in the courtyard at 2 p. m. by Lt. Vernon C. Hoyt, special service officer, who presented the troops to Col. E. P. Fessallague, regimental commander. As each Infantryman was called forward for his award and saluted, he was congratulated by the colonel who presented the badges with the assistance of the sergeant major, M. Sgt. T. F. Campbell.

SAVES VEHICLES

Among the five veterans of the African-European campaign to be honored was Sgt. Earl L. Ficken, who had been awarded a division citation for meritorious work under fire near Cassino. A truck driver in civilian days, Sgt. Ficken was serving in Italy as a mechanic when it was necessary to pull several three-quarter and two-and-a-half ton trucks out of a mine field. As great risk to his own life, during shelling and explosions of nearby mines, Sgt. Ficken succeeded in evacuating all of his vehicles, without injury to himself, and with great saving in equipment for the Army. He is now assigned to D Company for duty as an assistant instructor in the Automotive Section, TIS.

Others from the Mediterranean theater to be presented with the badges were Sgt. Robert W. Bacon and PFC Murray C. DeMoss, of A Company, who fought in Africa, Sicily and Italy; Cpl. Woodrow W. Sparks, of Company C, and PFC Anthony Petrozo, D Company, who fought all through Italy.

ON GUADALCANAL

Four of the men who qualified for badges served in the same regiment on Guadalcanal, where they were almost constant action for three months. They are Cpl. Ralph R. Roth, of A Company;

200 Paratroopers Hold 5,000 Nazis At Bay on D-Day

A supplementary story to the legends of Paratrooper valor on D-Day emerged last week from the little French village of Graignes. Aved natives told correspondents of the incredible heroism of a little band of 200 American Paratroopers who, although outnumbered 25 to 1, managed to hold off 5000 Nazi soldiers for seven days and seriously hamper the flow of German reinforcements to Caen.

According to the villagers, these troopers were landed far south of their intended drop zone and assembled at Graignes aided by the natives who helped the Americans out of nearby swamps early on D-Day.

The Americans immediately took control of positions on high ground and began harassing Nazi convoys moving down the roads to Caen.

Convinced that they faced a

Pvt. Edward G. Cody, of Company C, and PFC Dewey G. duBois and Pvt. Frank J. Schlick, both of B Company.

The battle for New Georgia was represented by three men, who served together in the Pacific for almost two years. Pvt. Marshall F. Gladioux and Cpl. Don Smith are now assigned to Headquarters Company, and Sgt. Douglas W. Gerber is with Company E.

Wearing three battle stars each for service in the Pacific, including the Guadalcanal battle, were Sgt. Ralph B. Newton and Pvt. Michael Novack, both of E Company.

In addition to being the first formation for award of Infantryman Badges to be held in this regiment, the ceremony was distinguished by the fact that for the first time in regimental history enlisted men and WACs stood in the same formation. First Sgt. Mary Brooks and 1st Sgt. Mildred Smutny represented WAC Detachments One and Two, The Infantry School, standing in the ranks along with all other first sergeants of the regiment.

The Bayonet, Thursday, August 10, 1944

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CAPTAIN POWELL

Colonel Robert H. Lord, commanding officer of the 1st Student Training Regiment of The Infantry School, announced this week the promotion of 1st Lieutenant William E. Powell, 3rd battalion adjutant of the 1st STR, to the rank of captain.

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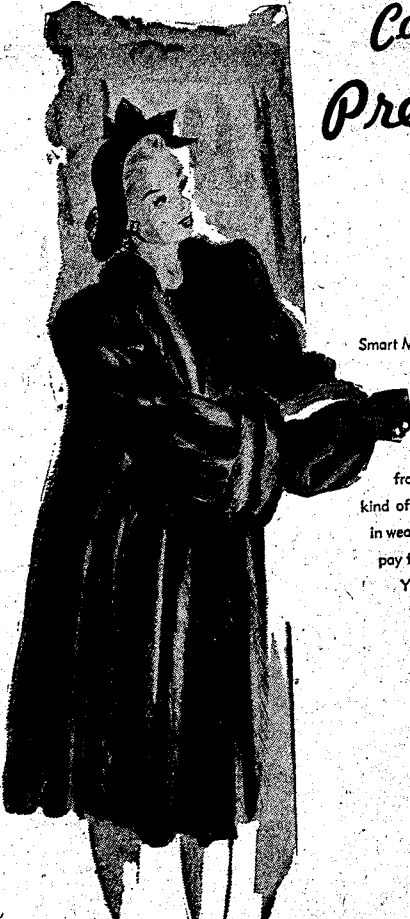
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That's the job of members of the Fire Prevention Bureau maintained as part of the post's fire fighting system under direction of Lt. Col. Edward L. Littleton, post engineer.

During the past year, the bureau has staged 50 demonstrations for nearly 40,000 troops at the post. Illustrating proper methods of fighting different types of fires, reporting fires and, most important, of preventing fires.

Fire Chief Joseph L. Hogan, veteran smoke-eating head of the post fire department, also acts as supervisor of the Fire Prevention Bureau, which maintains a corps of 22 inspectors working under direction of O. D. Venable, chief fire inspector with years of experience in this field behind him.

22 FIRE INSPECTORS

It is Mr. Venable's job—or at least one of them—to stage the demonstrations, utilizing the fire fighting equipment of the post to demonstrate how to put them out. He and the 21 other fire inspectors also keep busy inspecting buildings, checking on fire extinguishers and other equipment and generally maintaining the battle against the starting of fires.

There are 20,000 fire extinguishers of various types maintained on

the post and each of them must be inspected and maintained at periodic intervals.

The extinguishers come in four different types to fight the various types of fires. In staging their demonstrations, Chief Hogan and Mr. Venable set up a display of the different types of fires, explaining how each type of extinguisher works. They also explain carefully how dangerous it might be to fight a certain type of fire with the wrong extinguisher.

11 FIRE STATIONS

Fort Benning maintains 11 fire stations, with 26 modern trucks, all equipped with the various and proper chemicals designed to extinguish any type of fire. It actually is the second largest fire-fighting system in the state. Chief Hogan trains all of his men in proper use of the chemicals so that they are experts in utilizing the various extinguishing materials.

But getting back to the fire prevention work—in all barracks and mess halls, hand pumps and the soda-acid type of extinguishers are maintained. These throw a stream of water and are used to fight fires of ordinary nature—that is fires feeding on wood or trash.

Use of the water on fires caused by gas, gasoline or electricity, however, may prove disastrous. Water merely spreads burning gas or gasoline. There also is a danger of electric shock so that battling a blaze in electric wiring with plain water may prove dangerous. Therefore, fighting fires of these types, other extinguishers are maintained.

FOAMITE FOR FAT

In kitchens, foamite extinguishers are kept. These may be used to combat burning fats, oils or greases. In motor pools, extinguishers are kept which make use of carbon tetrachloride. These are for fighting gasoline or electrical equipment fires—but the user must be careful for the chemicals may generate the deadly phosgene gas.

The fourth type of extinguisher is that which uses carbon dioxide, which throws out a chemical at 110 degrees below zero, literally freezing the flames.

This type is maintained in hospitals, mess halls, and in the airplanes at Lawson Field. A type of this extinguisher also has been devised which blows over an alarm so that the pilot can pull a cord on the instrument panel and quickly freeze a fire that may have started in the motor of his plane.

HOW TO KILL FIRE

"Fires may be extinguished by eliminating any of the three things necessary to a blaze: heat, oxygen and fuel," Mr. Venable explains when a demonstration is staged. "The various types of extinguishers are designed to put out fires by smothering or by freezing the flames."

"All fires—except perhaps in case of explosions—are small fires at first. That's where the use of extinguishers comes in. If you see a fire, arouse your comrades if they are in danger, have somebody report the fire or report it yourself and then fight it."

FIRE PHONE BOXES

"There are 156 fire reporting telephone boxes about the post. Each company is supposed to give training to its men as to the location of report-boxes in its area. All that is necessary is to pick up the receiver and you will be connected directly with the operator. It isn't even necessary to know your exact location—the operator knows where the box is. If necessary, stay by the box to give direction to the fire department. In reporting a fire on an office telephone, dial 17. There also are fire alarm boxes scattered about the post from which an alarm can be turned in."

"There are garrison regulations covering all of this. Companies should give instructions so that men may be familiar with these regulations."

Sarge Happy As He Goes Back To Combat

Happy for the first time since he returned from combat last May, Staff Sgt. Joseph P. Bumgarner is packing his barracks bags again and "sweating out" Saturday morning when he will leave garrison duty at Fort Benning to rejoin a line outfit destined for overseas.

A veteran of the Pearl Harbor attack with four battle stars on his ribbons, Sgt. Bumgarner has grown more restless each day since he was assigned last June as a mess sergeant in the Academy Barracks. But his repeated applications for return to combat were answered this week and the delighted sergeant will pass into garrison duty before reporting for travel overseas.

"A soldier's got to keep on the move," Bumgarner explains. "He already wore two hash marks for six years service in the army and this country was near to wear him out."

NEAR PEARL HARBOR

"We were in the Schofield barracks, 18 miles from Pearl Harbor, when the Japanese planes appeared over our own barracks. Many men stood out in the quadrangle and watched, thinking the Army and Navy were putting on one of their regular sham battles. Then the ships dived low and strafed the area. The men in the quadrangle didn't have a chance, and many men were hit inside the barracks, too."

Later, he packed up immediately, ready to invade Japan. But for months he had to mark time in defensive positions. Finally he was ordered to Guadalcanal, where he landed a year after Pearl Harbor.

"It was our job to give close support to the infantry who were in the front line," he says. "The mess sergeant is right behind the men all the time, so we all see the same action."

MUCH BOMBING

Later he shipped to the Russell Islands and then to New Georgia, where they were bombed every 30 minutes, day and night, and they helped wipe out the Japs on the northern end of the island. Last November they went back to New Zealand and then to New Caledonia for more action.

"That's where this rotation of troops caught me," grips Bumgarner, who admits he was glad to have 20 days home in the States. "N. C. but feels that after that he should have gone back into combat."

In 42 days of action Bumgarner never lost a man in his kitchen crew. His battery, he says, liked most to eat Vienna sausage, hash, salmon, lettuce and tomatoes, pastry and doughnuts.

"Of course, almost everything we eat in the field is canned or dehydrated," he says, "but you can have it," Bumgarner says with the satisfaction of a man who feels he's made a good trade.

TIS Promotes 34 Officers

Headquarters of The Infantry School has recently announced promotions for 34 officers of the school.

Promoted to Major were: John W. Smith, Gainesville, Ga.; and John L. Welborn, formerly of Van Nuys, Cal., who now resides at 1120 Roosevelt street, Columbus, Ga.

Promoted to captain were: Walter E. Williamson of Magnolia, Ark.; Thomas E. Anderson of Lexington, Ky.; Billie H. Barbee of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Charles N. Wienties of Danville, Ky.; Herbert W. Leach of Stephenville, Tex.; William F. Dobbertin of Elmira, N. Y.; and Woodrow W. Atkins of New Orleans, La.



WINS PARATROOPER'S WINGS: Brig. Gen. Ridgely Gaither, Commandant of The Parachute School, pins wings on Brig. Gen. Eric S. Molitor following General Molitor's completion of jump training at The Parachute School last week. A graduate of the Military Academy at West Point, General Molitor is Artillery General with the 13th Airborne Division. —Photo by Army Signal Corps.

Col. Ewell Wins SS Decoration

The Parachute School added another name to its roster of distinguished alumni recently with the War Department announcement that Lieutenant Colonel Julian J. Ewell, of the 101st Airborne Division, had been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action during the airborne invasion of Europe.

Colonel Ewell, a resident of Columbus, Ga., was specifically cited for his action in leading his paratroop infantrymen in the bitter fighting in the Cotentin peninsula and assisting in the capture of Pouppeville. The citation notes that this was the first award of its kind to be made to a paratrooper for the invasion of continental Europe.

The award, made at Carantun, France, followed an impressive ceremony during which ten other members of the 101st Airborne Division, in addition to Colonel Ewell, were presented the much coveted decoration.

One of the original members of The Parachute School, Colonel Ewell obtained his jump training with the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment at The Parachute School before its formal activation under Airborne Command. In the fall of 1942, as acting Assistant Commandant of The Parachute School, he was responsible for the basic

3 TIS Graduates Lose Lives on Hospital Plane

Three lieutenants, commissioned at The Infantry School, were among the 26 persons on a C-54 Army transport plane which was lost while carrying patients from Scotland to Mitchell Field, New York. The plane was carrying 18 litter patients and eight other persons.

The three on the plane, which presumably went down somewhere between Iceland and Newfoundland, were: 1st Lieut. Malcolm W. Garry, commissioned Aug. 10, 1942; 1st Lieut. George Lavenson, commissioned July 3, 1942; and 2d Lieut. Charles F. Kohl Jr., who received his commission Dec. 18, 1942.

organization of the school under Airborne Command. In November, 1941, Colonel Ewell, then a captain, founded the Communications Division of The Parachute School. Starting from scratch, he collected equipment that is still used in the Communications School and instituted a four weeks' course in Communications, graduating the first class in April, 1942.

Colonel Ewell served as chief instructor at the Communications School until November, 1942, when, with the rank of major, he was attached to the famed 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment.

71st Division Expands Home Talent Shows

The Special Service Office of the 71st Infantry Division announces that its program for soldier shows, glee clubs, small dance bands, hill-billy bands, and radio has been entirely reorganized throughout the division.

"For obvious reasons it is now extremely difficult to obtain organized professional shows for the entertainment of soldiers. Therefore the soldier must provide his own entertainment," stated Major George E. Mann, Division Special Service Officer.

VARIOUS TYPES

"It is the intent of this office to organize groups of soldiers into various types of shows. Each division must be used to entertain its own unit and together with the others will form a 'circuit' to entertain all the units of the division. These shows will be used while here at Ft. Benning, but are being organized for the more important purpose of having our own circuit of shows to entertain our men when the division goes on a big maneuver or when the division finds itself in transports and then the field of action. All of our men will be given every opportunity to display their talents."

STAFF ENLARGED

The entertainment and music section of the Division Special Service Office has been augmented by the addition of T-5 Olav E. Holbo, formerly musical supervisor in both vocal and instrumental music in schools and colleges. He has produced many soldier shows since joining the army. Also added to the entertainment section is Pvt. William Castello, Dorn in Amsterdam, Holland, who was a actor on the stage and screen both here and abroad and has had wide experience in producing all types of shows including radio productions.

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Enlisted volunteers have been appointed to act as unit program directors: T-5 Francis Rogers, 56th Inf.; T-5 Lloyd Blum, 14th Inf.; Cpl. Irwin Werstein, 5th Inf.; Cpl. Sidney Feinberg, Division Artillery; Pfc. Harold Clark, 371st Medical Bn.; Pvt. Larry Good, 271st Combat Engrs., and Sgt. William Shoemaker, Special Troops.

"Look, Listen, Run in—it won't be long the sand Hill Area will be strutting its Barrymores, Crossbys, Spivaks, Skeltons and Astaires," Division men advise.

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Italian Campaign Officer Veterans On TIS Staff

Three officers who commanded a battalion of the 45th Infantry Division before, and during its fighting in Italy are now back in the United States and are in the Academic Department of The Infantry School.

Lt. Col. Edward F. Stephenson, who took the battalion overseas, is in the Weapons Section of the School. Lt. Col. Quentin M. Spradling, who was in command in Italy, is in the General Section. He was succeeded by Major Harry W. Hughes, who had been with the battalion since he enlisted as a private and had risen from private to commissioned rank and finally to command of the unit. Major Hughes is in the Tactical Section of the School.

BACK FROM SCHOOL

T-4 William J. Officer, chief supply clerk of Truck Regiment has just returned from the Quartermaster NCO Administration and Supply School at Camp Lee, Va., where he passed all phases of one of the most intensive enlisted men's courses given anywhere.

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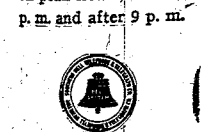
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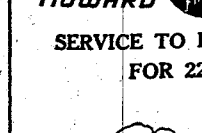
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Trooper or Diver, He Still Rides For A Fall

Stage students of the Parachute School listening to the coaching of Sergeant Robert Farrier during tower descents would hardly be inclined to call the affable Sergeant a man of extremes. Yet, when in a course of a few years, a man goes from deep diving to parachuting, no other description seems applicable.

The Sergeant, a versatile character, has a ready explanation for this strange metamorphosis. He was ready to enter the Navy as a diver when the Army put in a prior claim. "Being a reasonable man," he concludes, "I went quiet."

Following a session at Fort Knox, Kentucky, the Sergeant's love of adventure brought him to the Parachute School. He was regarded by the Sergeant as the finest in the world. He points out, however, that diving is still his major hobby. Although he has, many times, been able to resist any desire to plumb the depths of the Chattahoochee since coming to Fort Benning.

GOES TO SEA AT 12
The Sergeant's passion for diving stems from an early love of the sea. He had his first try at life saving at the age of 12, when he slipped away from home and managed to make two voyages before parental wrath snatched him back to lead the prosaic life of a land-lubber.

The adventurous New Englander was not to be denied, however. At the age of 16 he entered the Merchant Marine, eventually navigating at Tarpon Springs, Florida, where he found it good, so good that he stayed four years. "Tarpon Springs," the Sergeant explains, "is the center of the sponge industry, and between sponge and salvage diving you

not only keep busy, you also have a lot of fun and make sizeable entries in your bankbook."

DEERLICK AT SEA
One of the adventures the Sergeant describes as "fun" involved an overnight sojourn on a storm-tossed derelict in the Gulf of Mexico. It came about, the Sergeant relates, because he fell overboard from the vessel that was towing the derelict, an abandoned cruise ship. "I went aft to adjust the towing line," he recalls, "when suddenly I was pitched overboard. We were having a bad blow, but luckily I was able to climb aboard the cruiser. She later slipped her tow line and, because of the storm, my ship went on into port. They picked me up the next day, a very wet and wind-blown diver."

MADE GOOD HAIL
Not all the Sergeant's adventures turned out so well. On one occasion he located a sunken wreck reputedly loaded with a cargo of better quality "quartz." When a large sum of money, and a small fortune in precious stones. Unfortunately for the Sergeant, he was away when the ship was salvaged. But some of his diver pals made a good haul from the sunken ship. They salvaged the contents of the safe although the beer exploded when released from heavy pressure of the sea bottom. "They made a lot of money," the Sergeant says wistfully.

At present, the Sergeant's main interest is the training of Paratroopers. However, the sea hasn't lost its lure. In idle moments, Sergeant Farrier labors over sketches of a boat he intends to build when he has the time. "I want to build an enemy vessel," he says. "When that day comes, the Sergeant will set a straight course for the open sea, thus ending the strange saga of the deep sea diver who has taken ocean depths to drop from the



CITED FOR GALLANTRY IN ACTION and recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross by his commanding officer for his work in the invasion of France, Capt. Frank L. Brown, formerly of Fort Benning and the husband of a Columbus girl, is shown above in a more peaceful atmosphere as he spent his last Christmas leave in December with his family in Columbus. On the sofa with him are Frank Livingston, Jr., 2 (left), and Michael Warren, 4 (right).

Major Ross Is Lt. Colonel

The promotion of Maj. John W. Ross to the rank of lieutenant colonel has recently been announced by Col. Hans C. Jespersen, Commanding Officer of the Truck Regiment, The Infantry School.

Colonel Ross is a native of California and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Ross, live in Hollywood, Calif. His wife, Mrs. Mildred C. Ross, formerly of Sacramento, Calif., lives with him in Columbus. Benning Hills, in civilian life he worked as a traveling auditor with the main Los Angeles branch of Sears, Roebuck and Company.

A reserve officer, Colonel Ross was called to active duty in October, 1941, and was ordered to Fort Benning. Prior to joining the Infantry School in 1942, he had served as a Company Commander in the Second Student Training Regiment, one of the Infantry School units famous for its Officer Candidate classes.

Coming into the Truck Regiment, as executive officer of the Third Battalion, he served in that capacity until early 1944 when he was moved up to the Commanding Officer position in the battalion. In addition to his primary duty as battalion commander, Colonel Ross has served on various boards, court-martials, and has functioned as War Bond Officer for the regiment.

When a major shift of personnel was effected within the regiment, he was transferred from command of the Third Battalion to his present command.

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Col. Schmitz Takes Command Of 53d Medical Battalion

Lt. Col. William G. Schmitz, MC, recently from HQ, Army Ground Force Replacement Depot, Ford Ord, California, has arrived in Fort Benning to assume command of the 133d Medical Battalion now located in the Pine Grove area on the Post, 4th Hqs. Special Troops, Second Army, announced this week.

Lt. Col. Schmitz's previous assignment was Depot Surgeon, Ford Ord, California, where he earned the highest commendation for services administered in line of duty.

Lieut. Blake Writes Song

When Lt. David A. Blake, Jr., joined the Truck Regiment, recently as Athletic and Recreation Officer, this Infantry School unit added to its roster a composer who has written the outstanding song to grow out of World War II.

"When The War Is Over, Mom," Lieut. Blake wrote, was first heard by Fort Benning music lovers on Saturday evening at the Reception Center Field. At this performance of the "Hot From Harlem" USO Tabloid Unit, Miss Rosie Lee Young, vocalist with a swell introduction of the song and its rendition was enthusiastically received by the very large audience.

At a later appearance of the USO show at Fort Benning's Children School, this song was again offered by Miss Young to a crowd that received it just as favorably as the earlier Reception Center group.

Lieutenant Blake, who has composed several other tunes, states that this song was written in the spring of 1941 for a college fraternity pledge club play and with the extension of the war he became more interested in gaining a public hearing for it. Publishing it under the name of Addison Junior (for his father is a Methodist Presiding Elder), he receives reports that already copies of this new song are finding their way into many homes throughout the country.

Army Training Prepares Men For Civilian Life

According to Lieutenant Herbert A. Bicknell, School Chief of the Communications Division of the Parachute School, students at the Communications School are receiving excellent foundations for lucrative employment when they return to civilian life.

To illustrate his point, the Communications officer stresses that all Communications students are thoroughly grounded in the fundamentals of electricity and radio during their nine weeks' course at the school. These two fields, he points out, will offer some of the best opportunities for employment in the post-war period.

"The progress made in electricity and radio due to war needs is phenomenal," says Lieutenant Bicknell. "Security measures prevent the enumeration of the many of the unusual inventions which the war has brought about, but the things that man can now do with radio waves, alone, borders on the miraculous."

All of these new developments will be used to better conditions in the post-war world, and will in turn open up a rich new field of employment for men who have the technical background necessary for this work.

Courses offered by the school touch on many diversified subjects. Students are instructed in elementary flying, the theory of radio, radio repair, the highly publicized frequency modulation, and from these courses can branch into many specialized fields. Experts agree that post-war aviation will be global in its compass. Hand-in-hand with the rise of post-war aviation will be the importance of airline communications. This is but one of the specialized fields that will be opened up to men with a technical background, and it is with this in mind that Lieutenant Bicknell regards his school as not only one of the best in the country, but a valuable adjunct to peace-time employment.

Medics Exceed War Bond Quota, \$37,747 Netted

The Medical Department military and civilian personnel exceeded their war bond quota by \$2,747.30, several days ago. The quota originally set was \$35,000, however, the War Bond Officer stated that if sales continue their current trend \$45,000 may be reached.

The intra-departmental contest has caused much rivalry throughout the Medical Department, and has boosted sales considerably. To date, the Civilian Personnel office, under the leadership of T-Sgt. C. A. Hood, is in the lead with a total of \$19,550.00. Runners up are Sgt. Major's Office, Sgt-Major A. C. Bittle in charge, with \$4,638.50, and the Hospital Fund Office, T-Sgt. Hersh in charge, with \$1,912.50.

1st STR C Co. Clerk Advanced To 1st Sergeant

Cpl. William T. Lucas, company clerk for C Company of the 1st Battalion, 1st STR, had been promoted to 1st sergeant, Regimental Headquarters announces. Sergeant Lucas is a graduate of the Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Ga., and prior to entering the service in 1942, was a high school instructor of mathematics. Immediately upon his assignment to the Service Battalion of the 1st STR, Lucas became company clerk in Headquarters Company. Later he was transferred to Company C, serving in the same capacity until his recent history-making promotion.

Other promotions announced by Colonel Robert H. Lord included, Sgt. George Griffin to 1st Sgt. Tech 5 Harrison Preston to Tech 4, Tech 5 Andrew Britton to Tech 4, Tech 5 Thomas S. Greene to corporal, Pfc. Lawson L. Payne to Tech 4, Pfc. Kirby to Tech 4, and Pvt. James E. Moore to corporal.

Ex-Trooper Jumped 23 Times With Nary a Scratch—But . . .

T-3 Richard T. Cox, 168 Photograph Company, Special Troops, 2nd Army Photographic, found the life as a GI cameraman a bit too much for his ankles, medically speaking, as the cast on a broken skin loudly proclaimed.

"It doesn't make sense," T-3 Cox moaned, looking at his incapacitated limb. "I have made 23 jumps (or maybe it was 24) as a paratrooper with nary a scratch."

Now look at me . . . I was looked at the plaster of Paris cast. We looked at Sgt. Cox, his close cropped brown hair bristling, his eyes jabbing defiance at the ironical band of fate.

"It's unbelievable," he explained. "I was only standing beside my jeep, a 20 black hose in my hand, a gentle stream of water was trickling on the olive drab of that quarter-ton, and the biggest precipice and greatest danger was a little teeny six inch ledge on the cement platform. That was all between me and my jeep . . . er, jeep. One minutes I was standing there tending to my own business, the next thing I know I skidded, slipped or something on that aforementioned little six inch cliff . . .

and wham! The ankle snapped. Boy, that's being ironed by irony . . . When you jump from planes with bazookas, shovels, picks, and stuff, and come up a springing . . . and you twist your ankle on a . . . well, maybe Cox has a case there."

MASCOTS APLENTY
Camp Siebert, Ala., is blessed with its share of muskies. Mickey Conn, Secretary in the Postal Service Office is the owner of two fuzzy kittens which answer to the names of Spunk and Spot. Joe, a couple of chubby puppies hang around the mess hall. A billy-goat (name unknown) wanders around the place. Pvt. Leonard J. Stern, Co. 1st Regiment has for a companion a King snake called "Invasion" because it was captured on D-day. The pie of the post staff is a horse named "Blaze."

"Snafu," a Beagle hound, is the Siebert's WAC's contribution to the mascot column. "Snafu" belongs jointly to Lt. Ezzine Cull and Lt. Kathryn Hoffman.



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Ex-Benning Trooper Cited For Gallantry

For conspicuous gallantry in action during the early days of the invasion of France, Captain Frank L. Brown of LaGrange, Ga., husband of the former Miss Julia White of 9224 Lee Street, Columbus, and formerly stationed at Fort Benning has been cited and recommended for The Distinguished Service Cross.

Captain Brown has been serving the Army since 1935 when he enlisted in the service. He completed the communications and radio course at The Infantry School, and then did a four years' tour of duty with Company F of the 6th Armored Regiment, Light Tanks. In 1940 he was transferred to Fort Knox, Ky., as an instructor in the Armored Force School. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in September 1941 and was then transferred to Camp Polk, La., where he served with the Third and Seventh Armored Divisions.

He returned to Fort Benning in 1943 and graduated from The Parachute School in April of that year and was assigned to the 513th Parachute Infantry. Later he followed the 51st Airborne Division to the front where he was captured and made their escape.

"It was the most confused mess you ever saw," Captain Brown declared. "Some of the Germans wanted to fight. Others wanted to quit. We just took their guns and got out. I now have this Walther pistol to replace the one the Nazis stole from me."

While Captain Brown's fight abroad, Mrs. Brown is busy rearing their two boys and doing her war work as a member of the Fort Benning Nurses' Aide Corps. The Captain, as he wrote to his parents, is quite busy with his duties in Normandy, but he did take a break to transcribe to paper the following bit of verse which gives a poetic impression of the battle action which flames about him.

"You really mustn't worry about me. I'm living much better than I have before on maneuvers. Good food and the toughest soldiers in the world to live with. I know that you have been praying for me and only God could have pulled me out of some of the jams I've been in. I thank Him daily."

"Give my best to my friends at home. Without the war France would be a deep throated roar and a rushing of wind. The seat of your pants shows hard 'gin your skin. The tail comes on up and back beneath the door. And the ears seem to sink beneath the door. Airborne! You sit back to smoke, chew, and sweat! Thinking thoughts of malfunctions that haven't happened yet."

Hard, earnest, young faces—and they're all peering down as the 'Goose' glides along o'er farmland and town. There's music up there and it's wild and it's sweet. That's never heard by the man with dirt 'neath his feet. There's feeling, too, that's old but it's new. 'Cause you can never tell what the darn'd silk will do.

The jumpmaster scans his watch an' swings up straight A few more minutes will bring us and the war. There's a rasp of steel and he's fastened his hook. He turns about, into the door, to have a look. Down, past a brown boot toe, He watches the landscape slip below.

The tiny round button turns a blazing blood red! 'Stand Up! And thirteen 'troopers shake out the lead . . . 'Hook Up! A rasp and a snap as hooks grab steel . . . 'Check your equipment! A hasty look, a faster feel . . . 'Sound off for Equipment Check! And loose comes a roar 'That starts at the 'Office' and rides to the door."

Ages you stand, as seconds flash past, Bodies grow tight as steel and breath comes fast! 'Stand in the Door! Muscles tighten some more, There's a crowding and a scuffling of boots on the dirty floor. 'Are you Ready! It is not too quiet for he knows, damned well They'd follow him out to a drop zone in hell!

'Let's Go! Lights turn green as the string uncoils And bodies flash out where the prop blast boils Out and down beneath the tail, Static lines tighten and pack the lacing fall. The break cord snaps and the silk billows out. There's a dirty, stinging shock—and a gleeful shout!

Eyes flash up to the silk blossom high in the sky—Hard young hands grasp the risers and all the doubts die. The 'trooper looks down; the earthbound plod below And then comes a feeling that alone he can know 'Cause there's music up there that is wild and sweet 'That's never heard by the man with dirt 'neath his feet!

GERMAN SONG STARTS TROUBLE
NEW YORK, N. Y.—(ALNS)—Police radio cars whizzed Earl Witte, a German born American citizen, to a cell and safety from angry patrons of a Bronx bar room after Witte picked the place to sing "Deutschland Uber Alles," and to declare that Hitler "would take care of" those whose names

were listed on an Honor Roll to the establishment. A court fined Witte \$25 for his indiscretion.
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Battle Vet Proud England Our Ally

By CPT. IRV. WEBSTER
"The Nazis are, as thick as flies on a pig. I can't say much about the fighting. It was a nightmare. We lost plenty. They lost more. We won."

Top played with a ring on his finger. He lit a cigarette and toyed with the match. Hill 609 wasn't easy to talk about. It was a black market game. A couple of times both American and German soldiers were killed. When the chips were really down, the supermen couldn't take it. They fought for 600 days. Many were killed. But there were plenty of good, healthy Hun in the bag.

After Tunisia, and a long rest in the States, he went to Italy. He fought the Cassino front. "It was a terrible struggle. We had to fight for every inch. The Hun were always looking down our throats. That was the battle of Cassino. A tough match."

Speaking of German equipment, H. P. said, "They had a combination rocket mortar which we called 'Mammie Mammie.' The first time I heard that I thought I was finished. Our 81-mm. mortar didn't scream—it was the Krauts screaming. It's a good weapon. Don't let anybody tell you, however, that the Jerries have poor equipment. It just isn't true."

From December 29, 1943 to March 24, 1944, he was on the Cassino front, and then on March 24 was sent to Anzio. On the 25th he was told that he was to go home March 28 under the rotation plan.

ANZIO EXPRESS
"Sweat?" he laughed, "my liver sweated so much in all my life. Especially when the Krauts started tossing over the 'Anzio Express' 240-mm. mortar shells at specified intervals."

Luck was with the sergeant and he left for the States early in April. He was sent to the 5th Infantry a few weeks ago and is now in service company of that regiment.

"Here's one thing I would like to say to all men who are heading for combat. That is—keep day after day, night after night, in an absolute minimum. Don't get any ideas. I know a lot of good guys who would be alive today if they'd stayed put. The Jerries are always ready for movement. And their artillery can drop one right in your lap."

Mr. Williams has only the highest praise for the Medics. "These boys are wonderful. There's a special place in heaven for them. The Jerries are non-combatants. You these lads are non-combatants."

His main hope and ambition, right now, is to win the war—and the peace. Then, "I'll get back to Owatonna. There's a nice quiet place. No excitement. I've had plenty."

WO Williams Is New Director Of 218th AGF Band
Mr. Archie Williams, Warrant Officer (C), recently joined the 218th Army Ground Force Band, an attached unit of the Infantry, as its new director. Mr. Williams, of Youngstown, Ohio, has been interested in music for a great many years and, while a student at Western University in his native state, played trumpet with the "College" orchestra. Majoring in music, he received his BA degree but had his proposed music career delayed by his induction into the armed services.

Eventually winding up at Selridge Field, Michigan, Mr. Williams was assigned to the 332nd Central Postal Directory, a Technical Supply Non-Commissioned Officer, he served under Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., youthful leader of the Army's first all-colored air force unit now serving in Italy. Mr. Williams was later assigned to the 477th Bombardment Group and from that outfit he was sent to the Army Music School, Fort Meyer, Va. Graduating with class 12, he was immediately assigned to the 218th Band and in this position he is the officer's quartet, now in rehearsal, that includes Lieutenant James Chiles and Captain Henry Talbot, of the Truck Regiment, and Warrant Officer Johnson, of the Reception Center.

A member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Mr. Williams is well known in social circles throughout the States. Photography is his avocation, and in spite of the danger of damaging valuable playing fields, baseball is his favorite sport.

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SIXTY-FOUR YEARS TOTAL SERVICE are chalked by these two Veterans, and a rookie! They are C. W. O. Paul E. Melrose, Bandmaster, 71st Infantry Division and assistant bandmaster, C. W. O. Alfred P. Gsöl, who served in the Philippine Islands with the 13th Cavalry at Ft. Slogan, N. Y. The flute Mr. Gsöl is holding has been with him for 21 years (Photo by 168th Sig. Photo Co.)

He Cussed Out His Nurse For Waking Him To Tell Him '18 Armistice News

By CPT. IRV. WEBSTER
Sixty-four years is a long time. But to C. W. O. Paul E. Melrose and C. W. O. Alfred P. Gsöl, of the 71st Infantry Division, it's a short one—no more than a "novelty."

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In India It's 'Ladies Last'

BY MAJOR ALVIN E. BELDEN
Part I
"Ladies First" we say in the West; in the East it is "Ladies Last."

That sums up succinctly the difference in the domestic ideas of the two civilizations. There are 140,000,000 women in India, and their sphere is the back-yard. This is literally correct of about 10,000,000, and metaphorically correct of the rest. They are not even accorded a back seat in society, for in the presence of men, they are not permitted to be seated.

The whole duty of woman is to worship and wait upon her husband (who is her lord and master in his most exalted sense), and to bear him sons. In some classes she had better be barren than bear only daughters. If she is a Hindu woman, then the wisest thing to do is to die when her husband dies, for after that she becomes a cursed superstitious in the community. This again is literal.

MILLIONS SECLUDED
Five-sixths of the upper 100,000,000 Indian women are secluded in harems or zenans; the terms are synonymous for the "women's quarters," but the former is only applied to the more aristocratic houses. The male, except the woman's husband, father-in-law, and brothers-in-law, ever passes the threshold of the zenana. Therefore no European save a woman can write about it, except from second-hand information.

A Westerner may live in India twenty years and not see the faces of 20 zananas women, and then will sneer that the Hindu housewife is her benighted toes in transit, as when they are smugled over the border in a cage, veiled almost to suffocation, or with curtains held up round about them like perambulating bathing tents. In some Mohammedan cities, streets have been cleared for the passage of dunes of high degree, and the most authentic cause of high-class Mohammedans having killed their wives because their faces were accidentally seen by their followers. At some Hindu houses have done as much to their by way of moral precaution.

There are races that do not seclude their womenfolk, and castes where they allow more or less freedom. The masses have a great deal to do with their wives to do to permit them the luxury of seclusion. But whether free or confined in harem or zenana, it is always "Ladies Last."

WEST REACTION
The custom of secluding women is of Mohammedan origin, and according to the Moslem followers of the Prophet, who were good warriors but not good husbands. The higher castes and some in particular are highly jealous of the privacy of their houses. We of the West would term "chivalry" and a standard want of confidence in the ability of woman to take the most contemptible national trait of the average native. The mental reaction of every right-minded Westerner would be to kick the Hindu or Mohammedan who puts into language his views of the female sex.

The inferiority and infirmity of woman is part of the Mohammedan creed. He has no respect for her and the heaven he hopes for is people with many hours who are young and beautiful damsels of unlimited virtuosity. The white-bearded patriarch looks forward to the meeting of his wife, who may have been long suffering and faithful partners during life. The indulgence of an unbounded desire for the pleasure of the highest reward in the future state. In his terrestrial and present existence, self gratification is imperiled by circumstances. The Koran allows him four wives at a time and divorce at his pleasure. However the economics of population have made polygamy an expensive luxury and today only about five per cent of the population enjoy more than one wife. (To Be Continued)

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CAMP ROBERTS, Cal.—(ALNS)—Pvt. Fred H. Shook doesn't have any payroll troubles—because he has practically no pay. The chaplain doesn't have to warn him about crap games, and he doesn't bother clerks at the PX by demanding that they sell him this and that item. Fred, who is an infantry trainee, has just five cents left of his monthly check after he pays off his obligations of \$22 for family allotment, \$7.10 for insurance deduction, \$18.75 for a War Bond, and \$1.50 for laundry.

"About two-thirds of all American cities of 10,000 population and over are planning projects and procedures to meet municipal post-war problems. A large part of this municipal planning has reached the blueprint stage and it is estimated that like \$1,000,000,000 will be spent by American cities on postwar undertakings within five years of the coming of peace."

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Maj. Hughes' Army Career Reads Like An Alger Story

The story of Maj. Harry W. Hughes and his 18 years in the Army reads like a novel. He is a hero of the Alger story.

During the fighting in Italy, he commanded the battalion in the 17th Infantry. He was a hero of the Alger story.

Major Hughes, then a captain, commanded the 17th Infantry, the same outfit in which he enlisted at Norman, Okla., March 8, 1926. On the fourth day after the invasion of Sicily began, Major Hughes' company was pushing on toward Caltaigne in an effort to break through the German lines.

In crossing an open space, his troops were caught in enemy barbed wire and he was shot by fragments of a shell detonated by tree branches. He had more experiences with tree bursts later on in Italy.

SUFFER WOUNDS
The shell fragment took a chunk out of his leg and penetrated above his knee. After giving instructions to his men, he dropped into a fox hole, took eight sulfadiazine tablets and dusted sulfadiazine powder on his wounds. He used his one bandage to bind up the worst of his wounds and remained in the foxhole for an hour until the firing ceased. Then he hobbled to the rear where a medic dressed his wounds. Later on he reached an aid station and the firing ceased. There was no more there any pain.

That was in July of 1943. In the following month, he rejoined the 17th Infantry and was promoted to the rank of Major. He next met with German lead in Italy where the 4th Division, of which the 17th Infantry was a part, was in support of the 38th at Salerno.

He received his second wound on the beach at Salerno. At the time he was sitting in a company's machine gun position.

Two former officers of The Infantry School have been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. They are: Capt. Benjamin J. Butler, who came to the school in June, 1941, and was later assigned to the 17th Infantry, and Capt. Walter R. Morris, who was commissioned second lieutenant in 1938 and assigned to Camp Howze, Tex.

"Captain Butler," the citation reads, "on November 20 and 30, 1943, near Paganio, Italy, while in command of the 17th Infantry, he was in an attack against the enemy. After gaining its first objective, the company was attacked by the enemy who broke through the company's right flank. He took one square of the platoon, led this small group forward to stop the enemy, and then rallied his company to regain lost ground. That action on the heavy attack again, and he immediately led his place of safety to lead elements of his company through heavy fire and bayonet charges. The enemy attack was broken up. Throughout the night he made constant inspections under enemy small arms fire, encouraging his men and keeping them on the alert against further attack. The following afternoon the enemy assaulted again, and he led his company to the front line, where he was killed by a shell fragment which struck him in the back and shoulder. He didn't think it was a bad wound and merely took some more pills. And that would also escape infection."

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